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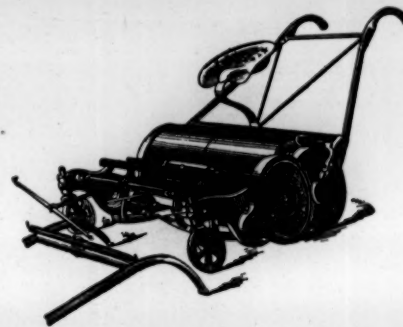
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FEBRUARY has always been set aside by *The Keystone* as its month for advocating the reciprocity idea in club life, and, being rather addicted to custom, we again come before our readers and make an appeal for the consideration and observance of club reciprocity. Various methods from time to time have been suggested, and we have learned afterwards have been carried out by clubs with good results and pleasurable success. We have noticed with much interest that in January the New England State federations carried out a reciprocity idea among State federations by holding a conference of the New England State federations; each New England State being represented by its federation president; each president taking her turn in presiding over a session of the conference. This is a new development of the reciprocity idea and looks towards the evolution of sectional vice presidents for the General Federation of Women's Clubs, which idea was suggested at the St. Paul Biennial in place of the present system of seven directors, selected irrespectively of geographical position or numerical strength of constituency. Many States, in their various women's organizations, are divided into districts, and the system of district vice presidents holding conferences between federation meetings is not a new idea among women's organizations, but has proven in every case most beneficial in developing the organization's interest and promoting its plan of work.

Whatever tends towards bringing about a mutual understanding of the needs, limitations, abilities, accomplishments and aspirations of neighbors and coworkers is a step on the road to reciprocity; and groups of varying sizes and compositions are the germinating spots for the beneficent influence of reciprocity.

INDIVIDUALITY is often referred to as one of the chief characteristics of the twentieth century. This idea is stressed in the churches, extolled in the schools, and reiterated wherever reforms are being agitated or accomplished. Some of us may imagine that this is a new theory of life, a discovery of modern ethics, but if we will but turn the pages of history, sacred and profane, we will find that the prophets, martyrs, heroes, poets, priests and kings were all of an heroic individuality. Their elevated characters and strong personalities were felt in their home environment, where they began to work out the great problems with which their names were afterwards identified. Talents vary with the family, the social circle, the community and the nation, and every talent is a factor in the development of individuality. A group of strong natures may, by judgment and discretion, bring about great achievements for their times; but that individuality which cannot co-operate with, tolerate or adjust itself to other equally strong individualities is a handicap to any cause. In the world's work for material prosperity the co-operation of strong forces seems possible and successful; in many of our civic, reform

and altruistic endeavors we dissipate our strength because of a certain lack of adaptability of the strong personalities engaged in the enterprise. We know how not to exert too great a pressure on one spot in the brick wall we are building, but we do not seem to learn how to refrain from stressing a point in the evolution of a great movement for better social or civic conditions and to wait until the propitious time arrives. The strong personality, however, knows when to lighten the pressure, but it also knows how to hold on to the ideal; it may change the form, but never the spirit or the principle. It sees the great aim on the horizon and reaches out for its accomplishment, for it does things according to its own highest enlightenment and not because "everybody else does them." If it sees a fault or error it sets itself to find a way to correct that error, for it has faith in itself; it often needs and seeks a leader, but it is ever true and loyal to the cause or the leader it espouses. It fears neither ridicule or blame, and while it may sometimes recruit almshouses and insane asylums, it also furnishes the majority of the occupants of the halls of fame of all nations. Every virtue carried to an extreme becomes a vice; wisely employed, it blesses the whole earth. So let us cultivate the individuality bequeathed to us by our family, nation or race inheritance, remembering that in building the true, the useful and the beautiful in life the simplest reality is of more value than the most brilliant and elaborate imitation.

THE South Carolina Children's Home Society was begun September, 1906, and in its four years of existence has provided for 238 cases, at a cost of twenty-two thousand dollars, averaging \$95 per capita from each child. This home, located at Greenville, S. C., is prepared to help every white child in South Carolina who needs a home and applies to them. Its affairs are managed by a board of gentlemen, of whom Mr. Thomas F. Parker, of Greenville, is the president; the Superintendent, W. B. Streeter, P. O. Box 118, Greenville, S. C.

This society has a dozen children now for placement, ranging in age from babies to children of ten and twelve, boys predominating just now. The work of the society covers investigation of the alleged need of each child; temporary care of those received into legal custody, pending final disposition; investigation as to fitness of families to receive children; supervision of children after placement. In this work it has inspected over 300 homes, received into legal custody seventy children, and is visiting and protecting fifty who are still its wards. The society needs information as to children needing care, an assured income, a home, and the co-operation of all interested in child saving in our State.

I ENCLOSE check for \$1.10 for renewal to *The Keystone* and the *Confederate Veteran* for the Moffatt Grier Chapter. We find that we cannot get along without these papers, and especially *The Keystone*. I want to thank you for the splendid editorial page you give us monthly. It is a pleasure to read this page, and I look forward to its arrival with pleasure.

Due West, S. C.

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ENCLOSED PLEASE find my check for \$1, in payment for *The Keystone* to June, 1912. It is the only club magazine to keep one in touch with the clubwomen of the South, and I should feel lost without it.

Chicago, Ill.

ALICE BRADFORD WILES.

OFFICIAL CLUB NEWS

For the State Federation of Women's Clubs of South Carolina, Mississippi, North Carolina, Florida and Virginia.
(This Department is official, and will be continued monthly.)

SOUTH CAROLINA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

Address all communications for South Carolina to Mrs. John Russell, Greenville, S. C., Corresponding Secretary, S. C. F. W. C., Manager.

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Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. John Russell, Greenville, S. C.
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(75 Clubs—5,300 Members.)

TO THE CLUBS OF SOUTH CAROLINA: *Read this at your next meeting and send some reply or acknowledgment to the chairman, so that your club may be recorded as co-operating with the department: The Reciprocity Department of the South Carolina Federation has been in active operation for seven years, and according to precedent February is the month for the special observance of this kind of federation work.*

Every club is urged to appoint a Reciprocity Committee, whose duty shall be to send the bureau two copies of year books as soon as printed, one selected club paper, and any newspaper and magazine clippings bearing on federation work, to increase the usefulness of this State department and to develop the reciprocity idea. This club committee should also read to their clubs, in open session, the South Carolina column each month as it appears in The Keystone. Reciprocity Day should be celebrated every year; the department recommends a day in February to secure uniformity among clubs. The chairman will furnish plans for such celebration, and will give information on all federation work.

Individual clubs may secure from the bureau papers and programs on all subjects and departments of federation work. Last year sixty-nine appeals were answered with 138 year books and papers. Ten cents, in stamps, should always be sent with request for papers or programs to defray costs of postage.

The literary session at the Columbia Convention, April 26th, will be in charge of this department, and every club is requested to send one paper to the chairman by March 10th to compete for a place on this program. Two selected papers from those submitted will make the program for this literary session. No specific subject has been assigned by the committee, with the idea that each club may send its best paper, irrespective of subject: the paper must not exceed fifteen minutes in reading. All papers received will be filed in the bureau for exchange among clubs to be used in Reciprocity Day celebration. Last year nineteen papers were submitted to our committee, and we hope for even more this year.

Literary clubs are urged to prepare continuous programs, rather than miscellaneous ones, and for variety set aside special days for current topics or federation subjects. Our committee also urges the study of the Bible as Literature, Comparative Literature and Modern Drama, as recommended by the General Federation Literature Committee for 1910-12.

[Every club should read Mrs. Potter's suggestions for literary work. See November *Keystone*, p. 7.]

Year Books. No program committee should attempt to prepare a program or print a year book without consulting some recent year book; culling a good point from three or four of these books will improve any year book. In printing programs clubs are recommended to always print on the outside name of subject, club, town and State. This facilitates filing and makes the programs more useful.

All clubs are urged to read, in open session, every marked copy of The Keystone, as it always brings some special message from one of the State departments.

And now, I earnestly appeal to every club to send me some words, so that I may report to the convention that every club has answered my appeal.

Charleston. LOUISA B. POPPENHEIM, Chairman.

Committee: Mrs. G. E. Gibbon, Charleston; Mrs. A. E. Smith, Rock Hill; Mrs. R. W. Gibbs, Columbia; Mrs. E. W. Carpenter, Greenville.

THE CHAIRMAN of the Education Department, Mrs. C. E. Graham, Greenville, asks all clubs to send her as soon as possible all pledges made for the Winthrop Scholarship at the Charleston Convention.

THE PAPYRUS CLUB, of Marion, has applied for membership in the federation.

THE Charleston City Federation arranged for an amateur dramatic presentation, *The Little Princess*, in December, and, after paying all expenses, was able to put away \$450.

THE CIVIC CLUB, Charleston, held a special meeting January 24th, when the Health Committee, Dr. Sarah Allan, chairman, presented a program on *Health*, as recommended by the General Federation. Each member of the club interested was allowed the privilege of bringing one guest, and seventy-five ladies were present. The afternoon was given up to the presentation of social hygiene, in the home and at school. So great was the interest among the members of the club that at the regular meeting, January 25th, it was decided to celebrate Civic Day, March 10th (the annual open day of the Civic Club), with a health program.

THE CIVIC LEAGUE, Florence, through its president, Mrs. E. E. Howell, has sent five subscriptions to *The Keystone*. This is good work for a young club, and should be an example to older and larger organizations.

THE NEW CENTURY CLUB, Johnston's, has awakened from its slumbers of eighteen months with twenty enrolled, and books ordered for a study of Scotland, Ireland and England. The club enjoyed its first social function (since reorganizing) last Friday, when Mrs. J. L. Walker, the prime mover in the reorganization, entertained. The new officers were all in place and are as follows: President, Mrs. J. W. Marsh; vice president, Mrs. Jas. Strother; secretary (Rec.), Mrs. F. M. Boyd; secretary (Cor.), Miss Clara

Sawyer; treasurer, Mrs. J. L. Walker. After a short business session the club was escorted to the dining room. The odor of the white narcissus was delicious, the lacy table covers dainty, and the salad course delicious. Post cards with New Year greetings were given, one upon which were the names of the guests of honor; the fortunate one to receive the trophy was Mrs. W. S. Mobley, who received from the hostess a pretty work bag.

A NATIONAL PRESIDENCY is an honor which has come to South Carolina in the person of Mrs. A. Barton Miller, Charleston, S. C. As the vice president from South Carolina Mrs. Miller attended the Biennial of the Woman's National Rivers and Harbors Congress, in Washington, December 5th-7th, and was elected its president. South Carolina clubwomen highly appreciate this honor which has come to one of their members, as Mrs. Miller is the president of the Charleston Civic Club and is active in Charleston club life. Mrs. Miller has requested that the following statement be published in *The Keystone*:

"In the near future every factory will be run by this force (water power). All land will be irrigated by electricity produced from the power site, through great reservoirs of reserved water, so that we shall not have to depend upon dry or wet seasons for our crops. Also, fertilizer, in the form of nitrogen, will be taken from the air by these same forces, so you see in fact our food and clothes supply will depend upon our water power sites. The time *will* come and will come soon when a series of power stations will be constructed on all of our rivers. The navigable rivers, of course, will require locks for purposes of navigation."

CLUBWOMEN in South Carolina should be interested in the work carried on at Winthrop College, in its *Practice Home* under Miss Hyde. Last summer she was sent out by Winthrop and Clemson Extension workers to speak to women at the *Farmers' Institutes*, giving talks on *Health and Hygiene in the Home*, *Food*, *Cooking*, *Dust*, *Preventable Diseases*, etc. Before this she had started a *Tomato Club* at Aiken, under Mr. O. B. Martin, of the United States Agricultural Department. Not long ago Miss Hyde returned to Aiken and conducted a cooking class at the Aiken County Fair, being sent by Winthrop College. When the Corn Exposition was recently held in Columbia, Winthrop College and Mr. Ira Williams, of the United States Agricultural Department, paid the expenses of Miss Hyde and six Winthrop girls to conduct a *Corn Cooking School* at the Exposition. This is work which especially appeals to clubwomen, and while many have been working for domestic science in the public school, here is an opportunity to reach many homes outside of the schools. Clubwomen should take an active interest in their county fairs and make an effort to reach the farmers' wives who so often attend these fairs. Now that South Carolina carries the best record for corn in the United States, our women should know how to cook it properly.

A South Carolina woman, Mrs. Ethel Dawson Barry, is doing good work in civics as the president of the Civic League in Orange, New Jersey. In organizing a Junior Civic League she appealed to the promoters of this work in the Charleston Civic Club, who gladly furnished her with information regarding their work. In acknowledging this material, Mrs. Barry writes: "When I meet the indifference or opposition, which one naturally encounters in work of this kind, I marvel more and more at what you have done in Charleston."

MISSISSIPPI FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

Address all communications for Mississippi to Mrs. W. M. Cason, 116 De Soto Street, Clarksdale, Miss.

President—Mrs. Daisy B. Lamkin, Friar's Point.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. Thomas Brady, Brookhaven.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. O. G. Johnston, Friar's Point.
56 Clubs—1,000 Members.

THE Council of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, meeting in Memphis, Tenn., the third week in April, will just precede the annual meeting of the Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs in Clarksdale, Miss., only an hour or two's ride from the former city. It is anticipated with much pleasure that several women of national fame will attend the Mississippi Federation. The clubs and the citizens of Clarksdale are looking forward with much enthusiasm to the honor due their city, and preparations are already going forward to making the 1911 a complete success.

THE LITERARY Department of the Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs has sent out the announcement of the Literary Contest. The best short story, the best theme, and the best poem, will, as usual, figure on one evening's entertainment of the federation.

THE CLIMBERS, of Brookhaven, Miss., still stands to the front among Mississippi clubs. In the great Red Cross sale they sold five thousand stamps, and they have this year put in six drinking fountains at the public schools. Their celebration of Mississippi Day was, as usual, a complete success. Dr. Dunbar Rowland, State Historian, was their lecturer this year.

THE MOVEMENTS OF THE COUNCIL of Jewish Women toward a higher moral tone in the general contents of the public press is one that should arouse a strong public sentiment in its favor. At its executive meeting the Council adopted the following resolutions:

"Resolved, That we vigorously deprecate the publication of such details of trials as are a menace to public morals, and also that we ask all public-spirited persons to refuse support to those journals that in the daily publishing of this and other most objectionable and sensational material do ignore their high privilege.

"Resolved, That we oppose this evil in practical ways and especially in the line of developing public opinion to appreciate its danger. We earnestly appeal to editors to aid us in this effort."

MRS. WM. CASON.

NORTH CAROLINA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

Address all communications for North Carolina to Miss Gertrude Weil, Goldsboro, N. C., Chairman on Publication.

President—Mrs. Eugene Reiley, Charlotte, N. C.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. G. W. Whitsett, Greensboro.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. E. P. Tingley, Charlotte.
(59 Clubs—1,500 Members.)

THE chairman and committee of the Industrial and Child Labor Department have sent out circular letters this week urging the clubs to make a special offering towards the payment of a cottage at The Stonewall Jackson Training and Industrial School at Concord, N. C. This school is to keep boys out of jail, when sentenced by a judge or court, and give them good training and influences until the age of twenty-one. The committee hope

to bring this feature of their department to a close at the next federation, so ask a cordial co-operation from the federated clubs.

MRS. D. Y. COOPER.

TO STIMULATE an interest in health conditions, and to effect an improvement in the same, the Health Department of the State Federation of Women's Clubs is offering six prizes to boys and girls under twenty-one years of age for the best essays on Hookworm Disease, Tuberculosis, and General Sanitation. The contest opened the first of January and closes March first. It is hoped that a great many school children will enter this contest. Clubwomen can do a great deal towards popularizing this scheme and making it effective of much good. It is suggested that local clubs or civic leagues offer, in addition to these State prizes, other local prizes, that the children may stand a better chance at winning and feel a more general interest in the contest. Any one desiring further information on the subject may obtain same by writing to Mrs. W. N. Hutt, of Raleigh.

MANY CLUBS have reported successful celebrations of North Carolina Day in December, which, according to a resolution passed at the annual meeting in Henderson last May, was to be generally observed by the federated clubs. The Literature Department has offered programs, both for this day and also for Federation Day, which has been suggested may be observed in March. The program includes an enumeration of the clubs in the federation, papers on the work of the various State departments, and the singing of the "Federation Song" and "The Old North State." Copies of the program may be obtained from Miss Adelaide L. Fries, 224 Cherry St., Winston-Salem.

THE EXECUTIVE Board of the State Federation will hold its mid-winter conference in Oxford on February 22d. The first session will be held at 10 o'clock. It is hoped that there will be a full attendance.

THE WINSTON-SALEM Sorosis gives us an idea for increasing activity in its study work. This club is taking the Bay View Course, which calls for some reading at home. The club was divided into two groups and a record kept of the members present at each meeting who had read the full lesson assignment. After the first month's contest a comparison of the records showed only a slight difference in the two groups. The defeated side served light refreshments.

GERTRUDE WEIL.

THE WOMAN'S CLUB of Greensboro, numbering over two hundred members, is doing excellent work. The Literary Department entertained the Club-at-large on Saturday, December 10. This department celebrated North Carolina Day, having as guests Miss Adelaide Fries, of Winston-Salem, and Mr. R. D. W. Connor, of Raleigh, who made addresses on North Carolina history. The place of meeting was elaborately decorated and appropriate music rendered. The Civic Department has waged a campaign for early shopping this fall by inducing the merchants to display their goods early and to use in their advertisements the slogan of the campaign, viz.: "Early in the Day, Early in the Week, Early in the Month, and All Done by the Fifteenth (December)." This has been of great relief and benefit to merchant, shopgirl, delivery boy and all concerned in the great rush of Christmas trade. The Civic workers

of the Club have also organized a Kindergarten and Play-ground Association, which has been duly incorporated under the laws of North Carolina and is actively at work. The movement means much for Greensboro and the generations to come. The Association is arranging to control and to beautify a number of open spaces in the city for playgrounds and to provide adequate apparatus and equipment thereon. A director will teach the children such games as will be helpful in their physical development. The Association hopes that before many years medical inspection in our city schools will cease to be a necessity. The Civic Department since its organization has made strenuous efforts for clean streets. On one occasion it has paid extra help out of its funds to see that the main thoroughfares were kept clean and neat and free of rubbish.

THE CLUBWOMEN of North Carolina will be glad to know of the successful meeting of the State Library Association, held in Winston-Salem, December 7-9. Since the very beginning of the Club movement the work of Library Extension has held an important place and received much careful attention and thought. After the establishment of the State Library Commission the Federation of Women's Clubs handed over all its traveling libraries to this organization for management. In many cases public libraries which were founded and managed by Women's Clubs have been turned over to municipal ownership. But, although the relation between the Clubwoman and the library may not be so formally defined, the sympathy is none the less real, the interest in library development none the less vital. Therefore it will be welcome news to North Carolina Clubwomen that the Winston-Salem meeting was a success. Those in attendance showed an interest in and received an inspiration from the meeting that was unprecedented. The program held much of value to the historian and the library promoter. The formal addresses were marked by a sympathetic understanding of the subjects treated; and the informal round-table discussions proved valuably helpful, being on the whole more technical in their treatment than previously. The statement was made in one of the reports that there are still sixty-three counties in our State without a public library. (This, of course, does not include the traveling library in this class.) This is enough to show that there still remains much work to do in the library movement, to show that there is still a field for one of woman's most successful activities in the State.

An Itinerant Library.

The most unique feature in traveling library work is the "book-wagon," originated by Miss Mary L. Titcomb, the librarian at Hagerstown, Md. It is a little library on wheels, the interior fitted with book shelves, and it has sixteen regular routes out from Hagerstown over the turnpikes and through the country lanes. When the book-wagon stops before a white farmhouse, eager children and women in sunbonnets come down the path to the gate to help themselves from its shelves.

Mabel Potter Daggett tells in vivid instances in *The Delineator* for January how the library helps the people. She starts with the children, whose interest is stimulated by the telling of stories, the unfailing result of which is a demand for all the books they can get "with stories like that." She tells how the libraries teach the immigrant English, enabling him to work at his trade, which his ignorance of the language prevented him from doing. She tells of the help to amateur architects, and how it teaches the women hygiene. She tells what the technical room has done for many working men, and how the precepts of the library have helped to stamp out tuberculosis. She tells how it has carried light and culture to remote localities where there were no books.

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

Address all communications for Florida to Mrs. T. E. Buck, South Jacksonville.

President—Mrs. J. S. Frederick, Miami.
Recording Secretary—Miss Charlotte Keelor, Sanford.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. A. E. Rickmers, Miami.
(39 Clubs—1,641 Members.)

THE new manager for the Florida column in *The Keystone* is Mrs. T. E. Buck. South Jacksonville and all clubs are urged to send notes to Mrs. Buck before the 15th of each month, so that she can conduct an interesting column for the Florida Federation.

WE ARE PLANNING for an executive board meeting of the Florida Federation in the near future. One of the subjects to be discussed is the proposed districting of Florida into four groups—Tallahassee, Tampa, Jacksonville and Miami. The revision committee can only recommend, as it cannot be acted upon until the next convention. Such an arrangement will surely greatly facilitate the business of the federation and will arouse increased enthusiasm among the clubs.

THE ADDITION OF THE Department of Music will increase the interest of many of our members. In Miami there are two strong musical organizations, and it is hoped one or both may now join the federation. Cocoanut Grove has been stirred by the able discussions in the Housekeepers Club, on Child Study, and it is hoped great good may result.

A. E. FREDERICK,
President Florida Federation.

VIRGINIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

Address all communications for Virginia to Mrs. J. E. Perkinson, 828 Main Street, Danville, Va., Manager.

President—Mrs. W. W. King, Staunton.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. P. H. Heydenreich, Staunton.
Treasurer—Miss Blanche Slicer, Montvale.
Clubs 14—822 Members.

IT IS with great regret that I must preface the New Year letter of the Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs with the news of the serious illness of Mrs. Perkinson, who is now in Bermuda. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery follow her.

MISS DAVIS, chairman of the Education Committee, writes of active work in promoting the movement for College of Women in the State. While the Education Association was in session in Richmond Miss Davis called a meeting in the interest of the college. Montvale, Roanoke, Highland Springs and Lynchburg sent delegates from the federated clubs, and a large number of unfederated clubs were represented. Miss Davis reported that the visit of the president of the V. F. W. C. aroused a great deal of interest in the college movement, and as a result the meeting in Richmond was enthusiastic and encouraging.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE Literature and Reciprocity Committee, Miss Helen Norris Cummings, 606 Cameron St., Alexandria, Va., has sent out many suggestions, as well as outlines, for literary studies; one especially valuable outline of Southern literature, which she has prepared. Miss Cummings will furnish upon application. She has been invited

to speak on three different occasions this year to clubs in a neighboring State; and this fact, in some measure, makes us feel that, though few in numbers, the quality of our work must be good.

MISS KATHERINE STUART will visit all the clubs, beginning January twenty-third, speaking on Conservation, as a general question, but dealing especially with birds and trees. In Staunton she has been invited to address the public school children, the students of Dunsmore's Business College, Mary Baldwin Seminary, Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind, and the general public.

LYNCHBURG Women's Club reports a general awakening of interest in civics under the inspiration of Mrs. Otey, who spent several years in Berlin studying political economy and political science. As a preliminary to the work, Mrs. Otey presented the subject of "Our City"—analysis of the structure and working of the municipal government of Lynchburg. The other meetings of the month were devoted to the regular program for the year—the Victorian Era.

THE KEYSVILLE CLUB, which is just one year old, has developed from a book exchange into a departmental organization of literature, history and civics. The president writes enthusiastically of Mrs. King's visit, which she says was an inspiration to every member of the club, and as a direct result they have enrolled six new members.

THE MEETING of the Virginia Federation will take place in Lynchburg the second week in May, and we are looking forward with much pleasure to meeting Mrs. Moore.

JENNIE L. HEYDENREICH,
Corresponding Secretary Virginia Federation.

GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

President—Mrs. Philip N. Moore, 3125 Lafayette Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Frank N. Shick, Wheatland, Wyo.

[These notes are official for February as sent out to the official organs by the General Federation *Bulletin*.]

THE holiday season, and especially the New Year, brought many messages of happy outlook and good wishes for 1911. Were all these wishes fulfilled not only would my lot be blessed, but the great work of the Federation would be carried beyond my fondest expectation. I believe all such wishes are prompted by love and good will, and I thank you from my heart for the many expressions. A charming remembrance will ever be the visit this week from Mrs. Croly's daughter, Mrs. Vida Croly Sidney. We chatted concerning the first history of Mrs. Croly, many items of the early days of the Federation; and we were interested naturally in the new history coming out this year, to celebrate our twenty-one years since Mrs. Croly ventured the thought of our existence.

The early meeting of the Arizona Federation made the combination of visits to that organization and New Mexico impossible. I chose, therefore, the new organization, hoping I might aid in smoothing over some unknown and often difficult rocks in the way. Meantime it is wise to put this smoke-laden air behind me and we will go to Cuba, and

possibly the Isthmus of Panama, until time for the New Mexico call.

It has been brought to my attention that many, whose names are among the State Chairmen in the back pages of the Directory, are asking for the Report of the Tenth Biennial, on the ground that a report should be sent free to "every name in the Directory." As I plead guilty to such statement, I may be allowed to explain the error. The names of State Chairmen are put in the Directory as a matter of courtesy and as assistance to the chairmen of our departments. They are not under our jurisdiction in any way and should get the report as any other member of the State Federation. Begging the pardon of my coworkers in having inadvertently added to their labors, I hope it will be understood that officers and department members of the General Federation, State officers and General Federation secretaries and all clubs in direct membership, are to receive the reports of biennials free. Faithfully yours,

EVA PERRY MOORE.

THE ART COMMITTEE, Miss Everett Patterson, chairman, 4254 Olive street, St. Louis, Mo., offers for free distribution many outlines of study, pamphlets and magazine articles on all branches of the art department. The second edition of the "Hand Book of Art in Our Country," prepared by this committee, is in the hands of the printers, and numbers 104 pages, against 56 pages in the first edition. Through the courtesy of Mrs. Patterson, *The Keystone* has received advance proof of the pages showing the material in Virginia, North and South Carolina and Florida. It is as follows:

ALEXANDRIA, VA. (On Potomac, seven miles from Washington.) CHRIST CHURCH, 1773. Pure Colonial style. Pews of Washington and Lee shown.

CARLISLE HOUSE, 1752. LORD FAIRFAX HOUSE, 1780. LLOYD HOUSE, 1796. "CAZANOVE" (Mansion), 1806.

SOLDIERS' MONUMENT, "The Lost Cause."

Recent civic art impulse, thanks to the women of the Cameron Club.

ASHEVILLE, N. C. "BILTMORE," Geo W. Vanderbilt's Home. Richard M. Hunt, Architect. Style, adaptation of French Renaissance. "Probably the finest private residence in America."

SCULPTURED DECORATIONS of house by Karl Bitter.

MODEL VILLAGE, near "Biltmore." Richard M. Hunt.

CHARLESTON, S. C. ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, 1752. Best imitation in America of Sir Christopher Wren. Probably by Gibbs, of London. Henry James writes: "The south wall of St. Michael's Church, the sweetest corner of Charleston."

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH, 1857. Beautiful interior. The steeple now used as "Charleston Light" by U. S. Gov. Lighthouse Service.

UNITARIAN CHURCH. Gothic. St. John the Baptist. Formerly St. Finbar's Cathedral. Rebuilt 1890. CIRCULAR CHURCH. Rebuilt.

OLD EXCHANGE, 1777. COURT HOUSE, 1788. "Good specimen of period."

OLD POWDER MAGAZINE, 1770. "In fine preservation." Now used by Colonial Dames.

SOUTH CAROLINA HALL. "Beautiful paneling and wooden mantel pieces."

CHARLESTON COLLEGE. Chartered 1785.

CITY HALL. Valuable portraits, paintings and busts to be seen within. Among these Washington, by Trumbull; Calhoun, by Healy; Calhoun, by Clark Mills, and Robert Hayne, by Valentine. Of the Trumbull portrait of Washington, Ruckstuhl, the sculptor,

writes this: "It is so fine as to be worthy of a special pilgrimage to Charleston. I suggest that you build a fire proof annex to your quaint City Hall, and against the back wall place the Trumbull portrait."

GIBBS MEMORIAL ART GALLERY, opposite the Circular Church. Among the many historic homes are:

PRINGLE HOUSE, 1765. Most perfect specimen of Colonial architecture.

MIDDLETON HOUSE, RIGGS HOUSE, GOVERNOR AIKEN'S HOUSE, WM. WASHINGTON HOUSE.

See, also, the GATES of St. Philip's Church, of St. John's Church, of City Hall. Many other interesting architectural bits, iron-work, etc., all over the city.

PITT STATUE, 1770. In front of City Hall (Wm. Pitt, Earl Chatham). "Ordered by S. C. Commons House, 1766, and deeply admired by Josiah Quincy, 1770."

BRONZE BUST of Wm. Gilmore Simms, by J. Q. A. Ward.

BUST of Henry Timrod, by E. Valentine, in City Hall Park.

Many natural advantages and some landscape architecture. Note BATTERY WALK, WHITE POINT GARDEN, MAGNOLIA CEMETERY.

MAGNOLIA GARDENS. Eighteen miles from Charleston, the most beautiful Azalea gardens in the world. Open to the public, March to May.

GOOSE CREEK CHURCH. Eighteen miles from Charleston, 1706, in perfect state of preservation, showing British Coat of Arms which escaped Revolution.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH. Eight miles from Charleston. Rebuilt 1764. Specimen of period.

JAMESTOWN, VA. BRONZE "Pocahontas," by Wm. Ordway Partridge.

HEROIC BRONZE STATUE of Capt. John Smith, by Wm. Couper.

Old houses mentioned are BASSETT HALL and the NELSON HOUSE.

The Colonial Dames have restored JAMESTOWN CHURCH. Excavations by the Society of Virginian Antiquities revealed the foundations of the old brick church, the first edifice built in 1640. The Dames had the ancient brick reproduced, and they sent an architect to England to get the exact idea of the church of the period. The result is that the JAMESTOWN CHURCH is now identical in every particular with the old time structure left to decay.

RALEIGH, N. C. MARBLE BUST of Gov. Wm. Graham, by Frederick W. Ruckstuhl, in Capitol, 1910. The CANOVA STATUE, placed here in 1824; partially destroyed by fire, 1831.

BRONZE STATUE Ensign Worth Bagley. Francis H. Packer, sculptor.

RICHMOND, VA. CAPITOL, 1785, partly designed after the Maison Carree at Nimes. In Central Hall, HOUDON'S STATUE of Washington and a BUST of Lafayette, also by Houston, both placed in 1788. This is the original statue of Washington, ordered by the Commonwealth of Virginia.

EQUESTRIAN STATUE of Washington, by Thos. Crawford, in Capitol Square. Around the pedestal are figures of Patrick Henry, George Mason, Jefferson, Thomas Nelson, Andrew Lewis and Chief Justice Marshall.

STATUES of "Stonewall" Jackson, by Foley; Henry Clay, by Hart; Dr. Hunter Holmes McGuire, also in Capitol Square.

CITY HALL, Gothic, STATE LIBRARY, OLD BELL HOUSE, GOVERNOR'S MANSION, JEFFERSON DAVIS MANSION, now a museum (25c admission), are all on or near the same square.

STATUE of Gen. Wickham, by Valentine, Monroe Park.

MONUMENT to the Private Soldiers and Sailors of the Confederacy.

MONUMENT to the Richmond Howitzers, Howitzer Place.

EQUESTRIAN STATUE of Gen. Robert E. Lee, by Mercie (French), near Richmond College. Starred in Baedeker.

EQUESTRIAN STATUE of Gen. Stuart, by Fred Moynihan, "after Outram Statue in Calcutta."—Baedeker.

JEFFERSON DAVIS MONUMENT. W. C. Noland, architect. With Heroic Statue of Davis, by E. V. Valentine.

MARBLE, Winnie Davis Memorial, by George Julian Zolney; BRONZE, Jefferson Davis Memorial, also by Zolney, and both in Hollywood Cemetery.

The OLD STONE HOUSE, 1737, ALLEN HOUSE, LEE HOME, now Virginia Historical Society, VALENTINE MUSEUM, MARSHALL HOUSE, are all interesting.

OLD ST. JAMES' CHURCH and ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, 1740 (enlarged since), are noteworthy. CHANCEL WINDOWS in St. Paul's Church, by Joseph Lauber. R. C. CATHEDRAL.

For fine Colonial mansions in vicinity, see Brandon, Claremont, Shirley, Westover, etc.

ST. AUGUSTINE, FLA. OLD SPANISH HOUSES of Coquina. PONCE DE LEON, in style of Spanish Renaissance, Carrere & Hastings, architects, as also of ALCAZAR. The ALCAZAR ANNEX OF CORDOVA, in a Hispano-Moorish style, by Franklin W. Smith, as also VILLA ZORAYDA, with its many suggestions from the Alhambra.

OLD CITY GATE. FORT MARION. OLD HOUSE in Francis St., built by the Huguenots in 1564, now a museum; admission 25c.

FLAGLER MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH and GRACE CHURCH—Methodist—both by Carrere & Hastings.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

COLONIAL BUILDINGS, see Alexandria, Annapolis, Baltimore, Cambridge, Charleston, Gloucester, Marblehead, Medford, Newburyport, Newport, Portsmouth, Richmond and vicinity, Salem, Shirley, Sudbury, Wayland, Williamsburg, and many other towns on nearly every page. For fuller information consult the Society for Colonial Research, Richmond, Va.; The Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities, 20 Beacon St., Boston; and similar organizations.

INDUSTRIAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS, Miss Helen V. Boswell, chairman, advises this month the establishment of Noonday clubs in stores and factories. Mrs. C. H. Kumler, 327 Grafton street, Dayton, Ohio, will gladly respond to correspondence on this work and will give advice to clubs undertaking such plans. The chairman also recommends efforts to secure a department for women and children in State labor departments; Minnesota and Washington already have such bureaus, and Mrs. E. A. Chantler, *Tacoma Daily News*, Tacoma, Washington, will advise as to the best methods necessary for securing such bureaus. Club correspondence on these two points is urged.

THE continued interest in civic improvement in all parts of our country is just cause for congratulation to the vast army of civic workers—composed of women's, men's and children's organizations. Through their combined effort there is being evolved a new order of civic life, changing our municipalities from the heretofore distinct city atmosphere to that of the home—the larger home for all the people.

Former ideals of better civic conditions are no longer dreams of future achievements, but present-day realities.

While civic improvement has become a vital issue in many of our larger cities, and interest is already manifested in many of the smaller ones, the civic department wishes to emphasize the importance of solving civic problems in all of our smaller municipalities. Here is the opportunity of starting our future cities right, and in so doing assuring better developed cities.

Too frequently the idea prevails that because a town or village is permanently small, it has no civic possibilities, thus often overlooking natural features, the preservation and improvement of which would transform the commonplace town or village into one of great beauty. In towns and villages individual effort will often lead to concerted action that brings surprising results.

We recommend the holding of public conferences on civic subjects, where men and women may talk over local and

State civic problems and seek discussion as to the best methods of solving them.

Civics has become such a comprehensive term that it is impossible to more than touch upon some of the things that it implies. Perhaps it is sufficient to note that every phase of the subject is now being promoted by the federated clubs.

Municipal housecleaning is becoming an annual event wherever health and cleanliness is sought after, and is proving an enemy to disease. New clubs cannot find any department of civic work which will arouse greater interest than the observance of a Municipal Housecleaning Day. The city housecleaning, with the co-operation of the authorities, provides opportunity for the efforts of all the citizens—men, women and children—and in their united labors for health and cleanliness in their home towns they often receive the first impulse to work for moral and civil righteousness. Literature upon this important subject may be obtained by writing to the Civic Club, 1524 Locust street, Philadelphia, Pa.

We suggest a campaign of education regarding the enforcement of city ordinances pertaining to clean streets and alleys; expectoration; overcrowding sidewalks; projecting signs, and so forth.

Favorable progress is being made along the following lines: Protection of meat and foodstuff and the careful handling and delivery of the same; abatement of smoke; suppression of useless noise; warfare on the disease-carrying fly, mosquito and rat; elimination of billboards, proving that persistent and well-directed effort will overcome civic evils.

Through the efforts of clubs, many rest rooms are being established and maintained in towns and villages, for the comfort of rural women and children.

The subject of civics is being extended by placing civic topics on the majority of club calendars.

Clubs are seeking improved surroundings for home and public buildings, by endeavoring to have artistic effects prevail on the outside as well as the inside of them.

Arbor Day reports show that planting is becoming, as it should, the true observance of this important holiday. Hundreds of trees are now planted annually by clubs.

Parks are a necessity for the health and pleasure of the people as well as a factor for beauty; therefore let us endeavor to have more of them. Especially the open spaces in the center and throughout the city and village.

Several clubs have recently purchased and laid out parks.

The importance of having proper waste disposal is also claiming the attention of clubs, and several towns owe their present sanitary conditions to the initiative having been inaugurated by clubs in this vital part of city and town keeping.

We ask all clubs to take a more decided stand against the billboard and poster method of advertising. Upon application to this department a model law, and methods of enforcement, will be furnished.

Recognizing that physical and mental ability depend upon health, we urge the clubs to labor zealously for supervised play and playgrounds.

That the civic conditions of the next generation may excel those of the present, it is essential that our public schools instruct our youth in good citizenship. This may be done by establishing Junior Republics or School City Clubs in the upper, and Junior Civic Leagues or Leagues of Good Citizenship in the lower grades.

This department advocates the use of school buildings for social centers wherever conditions demand it. This phase of civics would afford increased social opportunities in rural districts where there are few central gathering places.

To designate any one phase as the fundamental requirement in a movement so pregnant with vital issues as the civic movement is most difficult, but authorities on civics agree that a city plan is a fundamental requirement for comprehensive civic improvement. Could this department secure universal interest in city planning, an impetus would be given to civic betterment that ultimately would lay the corner stone for future municipal and civic art.

The practical applications of civic art are various—including proper location of public buildings, correct placing of fountains and statuary, artistic signs, lamp posts, refuse receptacles, limitations of building lines. It is the study of civic art that helps us to secure the artistic effect in everything that pertains to the embellishment of the city or village.

City federations, federated clubs of town or city, are important factors in State and the General Federation. Recent civic reports show conclusively the power they wield as a civic force in all parts of the United States. Their motto might well be, "In union there is strength." If your town or city clubs are not federated, we urge the importance of such an organization.

Let every club work zealously for a "Safe and Sane" Fourth of July. Every locality has its own local history that can be portrayed with great interest.

We recommend for your earnest consideration the appointment of all municipal officeholders, including teachers, by the merit system.

Secure municipal supervision for all public amusements.

Finally, we all desire to dwell within clean, attractive and artistic cities and villages, and this is possible by uniting our forces that we may continue to make "a long pull, a strong pull and a pull altogether" for all those things that make for civic righteousness.

MRS. EDWARD F. MOULTON, Chairman.

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM.—Mrs. Imogene Oakley, the new chairman of the Civil Service Reform Committee of the General Federation, is spending the winter abroad, but Miss Anna L. Clark, Boonville, Mo., vice chairman, will be the responsible head of the committee in her absence. Miss Clark is well known to all clubwomen through her splendid work as a past chairman of this committee. Mrs. Oakley will relieve Miss Clark next winter, and writes from Europe as follows:—

At the meeting of the General Federation of Women's Clubs in Cincinnati last summer, it was resolved, with enthusiasm, to continue the Civil Service Reform Committee, and

under its present historic name. No other decision was possible. The women of the Federation, who work so zealously for better social and economic conditions, are realizing that their efforts are impeded and often thwarted by incompetent or partisan officials. "What is the use," they ask, "of securing legislation against adulterated foods or child labor, if the enforcement of the laws must be left to inspectors who are appointed solely for their political activities? Why devote time and labor to improving the conditions in prisons, asylums, and almshouses, if the first requisite for those who have the management of these institutions is, that they support a certain political party? Why have working committees on street cleaning and smoke prevention, if street commissioners and smoke inspectors are expected to work harder for their party than for municipal cleanliness?" The reform of the Civil Service; the placing it upon an efficient and unpartisan basis, is the very foundation stone of every other reform.

"How shall we interest our members in Civil Service reform?" is a question that comes to this committee from many clubs. In the very same way that you interest them in any other live topic,—by holding meetings, by distributing literature; by talking in season and out of season. Mrs. Decker and her committee did splendid work the last two years in arousing interest throughout the whole Federation. This interest must not be allowed to slacken. I suggest that the State Civil Service Reform Committee in States that have no Civil Service law—and only New York, Massachusetts, Wisconsin and New Jersey have such laws—ask the co-operation of leading men of the State, in getting before the Legislature a bill providing for competitive examinations in all appointive State offices. The Civil Service Reform Committees in the various town and city clubs, can help the State committee, by sending official and personal petitions to the members of the Legislature in favor of such a bill. They can also study the condition of the Civil Service in their own communities and demonstrate the need of trained and unpartisan officials, in every department of the government. They can hold meetings to explain and popularize the principles of the merit system.

Mrs. Decker's committee published last year for the study of the subject, a series of programs which have been widely used and are still in active demand. They can be obtained from Miss Anna L. Clark, the vice chairman. The Women's Auxiliary to the Massachusetts Civil Service Reform Association—secretary, Miss Marian C. Nichols, 55 Mt. Verney street, Boston, and the Women's Auxiliary to the New York Association—secretary, Miss Jean Disbrow, 46 E. 82d street, New York City, will send helpful literature at nominal prices to any club. Now is the golden moment to press upon public attention the necessity of an unfettered and unpartisan officeholding class. We have just emerged from a hot campaign in which charges of graft, and official crookedness, and special illegal privileges were fastened upon both political parties. The only way to redeem our cities and purify our Civil Service, is to eliminate every trace of political favoritism, and establish an impartial, unpartisan system of competitive examinations for officeholders.

AN EVENT of great interest to clubwomen generally, and to the leaders of organized work especially, was the *New England Conference* which was held in Providence, R. I., in January. This conference, held in connection with the Rhode Island State Federation Convention, brought together the presidents and other representatives of six New England State Federations—Connecticut, Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Massachusetts. Miss Georgie Bacon, president of the Massachusetts State Federation, was chairman of the conference, and has been the moving spirit in bringing it about. Mrs. Beach, president of the Rhode Island Federation, introduced the other State presidents and acted as hostess for the social entertainments provided by the Rhode Island Federation; while the other State presidents—Mrs. Phipps, Conn.; Mrs. Flagg, Maine; Mrs. Ashton, Vermont, and Mrs. Burlingame, N. H.—each presided over a session or department, which brought out *New England's* needs, ideals and special work.

This grouping of States for conference can mean much in the development of the General Federation in stressing sectional needs, for in strengthening a part strength is added to the whole. This opportunity for personal intercourse among neighboring States has also a social as well as a club value, in that it brings together women of similar inheritance, ideals and environment, and produces an atmosphere of sympathy and cordiality much to be desired in any organized work.

Visiting Nurse Work.

THE Ladies' Benevolent Society of Charleston, S. C., celebrated its 98th annual meeting on January 18, 1911. Chartered in 1813 to visit the sick poor in their homes, for ninety years the membership accomplished this work among themselves. In 1903 a trained nurse was engaged to do systematic district nursing, and the reports at this 98th meeting were as follows. The superintendent said:

Ladies: It is with great pleasure I give a hearty greeting to all who are with us today. At the Jubilee Congress of District Nursing, held in Liverpool, May, 1909, the first paper read begins thus: "The most striking feature of district nursing is its rapid growth and the prominent position it has attained among the social developments of the day. Its history is closely interwoven with the progress of modern hygiene, both domestic and civic, and also with the raising of nursing to the dignity of a profession." With us the work is being better known and more highly valued each year, and the poor, who at first were doubtful, now hail the nurse with thankfulness. This has been an uneventful year of steady work. There is always much to be done, and it seems to reach every phase of charity. The nurse assures me it is not more than she can do—calling in, occasionally, help for special cases. She has visited at the Royal Bagging Factory village, workers of the cigar factory, inmates of the Confederate Home and the Old Ladies' Home, in Ashley street, also the city poor generally. We have on pensioner at the Enston Home. Our receipts for the year were \$1,092.66; spent \$1,097.89; an overdraft of \$5.25. The nurse attended 203 persons, and others assisted

by the society make a total of 239. The board had under consideration hiring an under nurse for colored tuberculosis patients, but it was not expedient at that time. The interest from our Cot Fund was spent on a patient at the Riverside Infirmary, and in helping a convalescent, on leaving the infirmary, at Mrs. Wiltshire's home. Our donations varied from 50 cents to \$50. We purchased with the Gage Fund 266 yards of material; two members of the board cut out 130 garments to supply sewing in the summer.

The societies, circles and churches gave as follows: Special collections St. Philip's church, \$53.62; St. Michael's, \$12; Huguenot church, \$15; Beth Eloheh congregation, \$25.25; Second Presbyterian church, \$41.34; First Presbyterian, \$25; Cathedral, St. John the Baptist, R. C., \$25; St. Mary's R. C. church, \$12; Cannon Street Baptist church, \$2; St. John's Lutheran church, \$25; Silver Cross Circle, \$12; Friend in Need, \$2; Be Not Weary, \$1; Happy Workers, \$5; Happy Workers' special case, \$9; Young Ladies' Dorcas Society, St. Johannes, \$12; South Carolina Society, \$10; Hebrew Benevolent Society, \$5; Ladies' Benevolent Society, Citadel Square Baptist church, \$10; Sodality, St. Mary's R. C. church, \$12; Council Jewish Women, \$5; two donations from a gentleman, \$50, \$100; St. Philip's City Mission Society, \$5; Ladies' Social Society, Unitarian church, \$8. Faithful Unto the End Circle, Fuel Society, Ice Mission, Thread and Needle Society, Second Presbyterian church, and Needle Work Guild. Our auxiliary circle, Faithful Unto the End, aided five chronic patients, gave \$4 to Riverside Infirmary, \$5 to ice mission.

Again your superintendent received for ladies in reduced circumstances \$75. It has given much relief and pleasure, and is indeed a "Comfort Fund." We use the Holiday house for our sick children, giving strength to the child and to the mother too. At times it is perplexing and heart-rending to see some one in the first stage of tuberculosis and not to have the power to remove them from improper surroundings; and again to see those in the advanced stages, who are a menace to all around them. By death we have lost two members; will you kindly rise as I mention their names: Mrs. Pauline Walter McCormack, Miss Rebecca Hayne Alston. Mrs. McCormack was much interested in our work, and through Grace Church Relief Society did a great deal for us. She often told us to let her know whenever we were in need of special garments, and always supplied the need. We miss very much Mrs. Wm. Sinkler, who for years has been a friendly visitor; her deep interest, untiring spirit, were of great value; she cheered and comforted many a sufferer, working beyond her strength. We extend our thanks to the *News and Courier* and *Evening Post* for the many courtesies; to the John Hurkamp & Co.; to Louis Cohen & Co.; to G. W. Aimar & Co., Welch & Eason and J. R. Read & Co., for liberal discounts.

THE HOPKINS FUND: We have extended our work here. The nurse has visited old sick [helped about forty-five] negroes. The money, \$161, has been spent principally in wood. I must thank our friendly visitors. This part of the work is most necessary and of great value. A gentle, cheerful, sympathetic visitor, can do what nothing else can—a sort of intangible help—it soothes, calms and cheers, wonderfully helps body and soul. This is not easy and pleasant in mid-summer; it was greatly needed last summer. Mrs. Annie S. Walker visited for us. I thank the board also for their uniform courtesy and earnest work. Mrs. Annie S. Walker has been most charming in doing her part, always obliging, patient and untiring.

We have three In Memoriam members: Mrs. M. A. Snowden, Mrs. James Ravenel, Mrs. Pauline Walter

McCormack; Mrs. G. W. Wagner In Memoriam annually. We appreciate the hearty co-operation of the Associated Charities. There are endless possibilities and opportunities before us, and some perplexities. With a deep sense of our shortcomings, let us humbly pray our Heavenly Father to direct and guide us; to give us the spirit of true charity, and to provide for all our needs; to bless all who have helped this beautiful charity; and may our poor efforts contribute in a small way to His glory.

Respectfully, CATHERINE P. RAVENEL,
Superintendent Ladies' Society.

The Nurse's Committee report showed 203 patients during the year attended, by 2,056 visits, 36 physicians in attendance, 12 deaths among the patients, 13 births, 16 extra nurses called in to help in times of extra stress, and 42 cases of tuberculosis under the society's care. In comparison with 1909, it was shown that in 1910 fifty-six more patients were cared for, eight more doctors had called in the nurse, and that nine more extra nurses had been employed this year. These reports were for white patients. There were fifty-two colored patients also cared for, in 282 visits. The nurse employed for the past seven years, Anna Banks, colored, had given perfect satisfaction, and was engaged to December, 1911. On these statistics the Board of Managers advised the extension of the work by dividing the city into two districts, as is done by the hospital authorities, by appealing to city council for financial assistance to secure a second nurse, who should have charge of one of the districts, the present nurse to keep the other, and by appointing a committee to have charge of the details of this extension. The society at this meeting endorsed this recommendation of the board, and Miss S. A. Smyth, Miss M. B. Poppenheim and Mrs. Geo. S. Holmes were appointed the committee to carry out the plan as far as was practical.

The Loan and Supply Closet reported for 1910: Articles of bed clothing distributed, 121; nourishment, 448; soap, 19; pads, 90; baby baskets with infants' wardrobe, 12; mosquito nets, 8; medicines, 39; bandages, 28; eggs, 377; sundries, 69; while the mothers' basket had in 1910 received 590 articles, given away \$555, and helped 138 persons. The annual election of officers for 1911 resulted as follows:

Superintendent, Mrs. C. P. Ravenel; Junior Superintendent, Mrs. B. F. Alston; Secretary, Miss Mary B. Poppenheim; Treasurer, Miss M. Murdoch; Board of Managers, Mrs. James Allan, Mrs. Herman Baer, Mrs. J. P. K. Bryan, Mrs. W. G. Jeffords, Mrs. E. L. Parker, Mrs. Arthur Mazyck, Mrs. M. B. Mure, Miss S. A. Smyth, Mrs. J. S. Riggs, Mrs. A. T. Smythe, Mrs. G. E. Gibbon, Mrs. L. L. Cohen, Mrs. Sallie Litschgi, Miss Elizabeth Klinck, Mrs. Geo. S. Holmes, Mrs. Geo. B. Buell.

The motto of the society is, "I was sick and ye visited me." And as the society draws near to its centennial its membership heeds this call with as sympathetic ears as did their forbears a century ago. Methods may have changed, but human sympathy is ever the same, and organized charity, wisely directed, endeavors to meet the increased needs of the present hour.

MARY B. POPPENHEIM,
Secretary The Ladies' Benevolent Society.

SOUTH CAROLINA DIVISION UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY.

This Department is official, and will be continued monthly.

LIST OF OFFICERS.

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Recorder of Crosses—Mrs. W. H. Fowler, Yorkville.
(66 Chapters—3,000 Members.)

THE fifteenth annual Convention of the South Carolina Division has come and gone. In its wake are charming memories of a most delightful meeting. If the chapters could only realize the amount of information and enthusiasm that can be derived from these meetings, there would be no chapter in the State that would fail to be represented. Interchange of ideas is an absolute necessity, and to keep up to a high, broad standard. It is not possible to speak too enthusiastically of the charming hospitality of the people of Georgetown: cultured and big-hearted, their unbounded kindness and thoughtful attentions to "the strangers within their gates" was a wonder. It is not amiss in this connection to speak of the great executive ability shown by the Arthur Manigault Chapter. Their organization was perfect; no delays to be encountered. Thoughts of Georgetown will always be a pleasant and abiding memory.

It is indeed a pleasant thought that one's efforts receive recognition, and my grateful thanks go out to the Daughters of South Carolina for their encouragement and assistance in the work that it was my pleasure to perform. Labor is not in vain when it meets with appreciation, and the indorsement of my year's service, as shown by my re-election, was indeed gratifying. There is little change in the personnel of the officers for the coming year. In view of the change of districts, which threw Florence and Georgetown into one district, it was necessary for a change to be made in the Vice Presidents. It was with regret that Mrs. Burch's resignation had to be accepted, but at the same time it was with pleasure that Mrs. St. J. Allison Lawton is welcomed to the State Executive Board. The work is not new to her, as before coming to South Carolina she served as Virginia's President, and, since casting in her lot with South Carolina, has been a most valued member of the Historical Committee. The committees for the coming year are as follows:

Scholarship Committee—Miss Mary B. Poppenheim, Charleston, Chairman; Mrs. J. F. Reid, Rock Hill; Miss Amanda Moses, Sumter.

Historical Committee—Mrs. H. P. Lynch, Cheraw, Chairman; Miss Leila Shannon, Camden; Miss Marion Salley, Orangeburg.

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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE has divided the work of the Committee as follows:

Miss Shannon will have charge of the list of Southern reference and text-books and the work of collecting data about Confederate Monuments.

Miss Salley will have in her charge the collection of the Rolls of Honor.

THE EXCHANGE LIBRARY of the South Carolina Division Historical Department has received a gift of twenty-two valuable books from Mr. A. E. Gonzales, of Columbia.

Through *The Keystone* your President wishes to offer to each member of the U. D. C. a very happy and prosperous New Year. May the work of the Division prosper in the coming year, and all labor in harmony and peace.

IRENE GOLDSMITH KOHN.

Pres. S. C. Div. U. D. C.

ROLLS OF HONOR.—Miss Marion Salley, Orangeburg, S. C., asks all U. D. C. chapters who have completed their Rolls of Honor please to notify her at once.

THE GEORGETOWN CONVENTION Minutes are in the hands of the printers, and I hope by February to be able to mail them to the chapters. MRS. C. J. MILLING.

Recording Secretary S. C. Division U. D. C.

THE MARY ANN BRICE Chapter, Johnston, enjoyed a pleasant historical meeting with Mrs. W. L. Coleman not long since, when "Secession Day" was remembered. The program was:

U. D. C. Ritual; Music, Miss Hallie White; Reading, Mrs. W. S. Dorsett; Paper on Secession, Mrs. G. P. Cobb; Reading on Secession, Mrs. J. H. White; Song, Southern Cross, by the Chapter; State and U. D. C. News from the *Keystone*.

THE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE recommends the following list of books as valuable for authentic history. Chapters are advised to clip this partial list each month, and by the end of the year they will have a complete list as a reference.

List of books which are commended for Southern libraries:

- "Southern Historical Society Papers," in 30 volumes—14 volumes by J. Wm. Jones, and 16 volumes by R. A. Brock, Richmond, Va.
- "The Rise and Fall of the Confederate States of America," by President Jefferson Davis. Published by D. Appleton & Co.
- "Brief History of the Confederate States," by Jefferson Davis.
- "The War Between the States," by Vice President A. H. Stephens.
- "The Official War Records," with accompanying maps, as published by the United States Government.
- "Is Davis a Traitor?" By A. T. Bledsoe.
- "The Republic of Republics," by B. J. Sage.
- "The Story of the Confederate States," Professor W. T. Derry. Published by B. F. Johnson & Co., Richmond, Va.
- "Southern States of American Union," by Hon. J. L. M. Curry. Published by B. F. Johnson & Co., Richmond, Va.
- "A Defence of Virginia and the South," by Rev. R. L. Dabney, D. D.
- "Military Annals of Tennessee," by J. Berrien Lindsley. Published at Nashville, Tenn.
- "Bullock's Secret Service of the Confederate States in Europe." Published by G. P. Putnam & Sons, New York.
- "Admiral Semmes's Service Afloat and Ashore."
- "Sinclair's History of the Alabama." Published by Lippincott & Co., New York.
- "Captain Wilkinson's Blockade Running."
- "Schaff's History of the Confederate States Navy."
- "Personal Reminiscences, Anecdotes, and Letters of R. E. Lee," by Dr. J. Wm. Jones. Published by D. Appleton & Co.

(To be continued.)

NORTH CAROLINA DIVISION UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY.

This department is official, and will be continued monthly. Reports and suggestions should be sent to Mrs. Gordon Finger, Charlotte, N. C., Manager, by the 15th of each month for insertion in the next month's *Keystone*.

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 (91 Chapters—4,300 Members.)

FROM PRESIDENT'S OFFICE. The copying of the entire register of the Division since organization will be completed in a few days, and Chapters are reminded to remit to the State treasurer a penny for each member they have had on their books. This will make a complete record for the registrar general's books.

ONE NEW U. D. C. CHAPTER has been chartered, "The Harnett," at Lillington. Chapters are asked to send in money earned by Christmas Seal sales for the Arlington monument to Mrs. Robt. Kornegay, Goldsboro, State treasurer, so that the results of your labor will show in the financial record.

LOCAL HISTORY. The State, as a whole, urgently needs greater activity in historical work. The best place to begin is at home. Let every Chapter collect all the local history possible, locate the exact places where Confederate historic battles, meetings, buildings, etc., stood or took place; if they were important mark them simply as the site of the Confederate Navy Yard in Charlotte has been. Some other historic spots in Charlotte are to be marked soon.

THE LOVERS of the Confederate Cause everywhere will be interested to know that Mrs. Stonewall Jackson has written a Memoir (that is just from the press) of hers and General Jackson's only child, Julia Jackson Christian. It is a dainty little grey bound volume, with a number of attractive illustrations, and its literary style and merit win recognition for it aside from the patriotic, religious inspiration it gives. There are a number of children's Chapters and adult Chapters of U. D. C. named for Julia Jackson Christian, and to each of these, wherever located, Mrs. Jackson is presenting a copy of the Memoir, though it was primarily written for the son and daughter, who were very young when their mother died.

CHILDREN'S CHAPTER ACTIVITIES. Three new Chapters have been organized since this year's work was begun, one being named in honor of Mrs. Parsley, the founder of the North Carolina Division, and several others are being organized.

THE FRANK BENNETT Chapter, Wadesboro, is well organized and enthusiastic; they average an attendance of three-fourths of the membership. They have recently cradled with white brick and cement twelve graves of veterans who have no relatives residing in that section of the country.

MRS. GORDON FINGER.

VIRGINIA DIVISION UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY.

"WE WOULD be glad to have every Chapter help make our column interesting by sending in news items. These should be mailed to Miss Hilda Forsberg, Lynchburg, Va., not later than the 15th of the month to appear in the next issue."

LIST OF OFFICERS.

President—Mrs. Nathan D. Eller, Lynchburg, Va.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. Frank Holladay, Suffolk, Va.
Corresponding Secretary—Miss Elsie Fleet, Lynchburg, Va.
Treasurer—Mrs. Edgar Taylor, Richmond, Va.
(113 Chapters—7,203 Members.)

EDUCATIONAL WORK OF VIRGINIA DIVISION. We regret that this most important phase of the work of the Daughters of Virginia has not made more rapid and wide-felt progress. Much splendid work has been done by individual Chapters, and we are glad to give credit for same. We find that the most widely used method for promoting educational interest is the offering of medals or prizes for essays on historical subjects. Many Chapters have also secured scholarships in various institutions of learning. The two Norfolk Chapters sent in very encouraging reports. The Hope Maury Chapter gives us a very practical suggestion by their scholarships, one in stenography and typewriting, the other in bookkeeping, thus aiding daughters of worthy Confederate veterans to become self-supporting. The Chapters in some of the cities and towns having series of historically educational evenings, to which the school children of the community are invited.

Feeling that the one thing necessary to more definite results was that the State Division should undertake some specific work, that should include each Chapter in the State, the State Educational Committee made the following suggestion to the State Convention, assembled in Suffolk last October: That each Chapter in the Division be requested to contribute a stated sum to be used in the establishing and maintaining of a scholarship in the Randolph-Macon Woman's College at Lynchburg, Va., for a lineal descendant of a Confederate veteran, generous terms having been made by the dean of the college, Dr. W. W. Smith, famed for his interest in things educational.

We feel that a bright future is ahead for this branch of work of the Daughters of the Confederacy, and long for the day when this faith becomes reality.

HILDA L. FORSBERG.

The Suffolk Convention U. D. C. Minutes, October 12-14, 1910, have been issued and make a pamphlet of 170 pages. This pamphlet has a list of the officers, standing committees, special committees, district committees, a page devoted to valuable general information and notices of importance to chapters, the full minutes of the Suffolk meeting, with text of addresses and reports of all officers and committees, chapter reports, chapter rosters, rules for bestowal of crosses and the Constitution of the Virginia Division U. D. C. This handbook is a guide and ready reference for all chapter presidents in the division and should be carefully read by each one. This pamphlet is sent out from the office of the recording secretary, Virginia Division U. D. C., Mrs. Frank A. Holladay, Suffolk, Va., and applications for copies should be sent to Mrs. Holladay.

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Lynchburg, Va., Jan. 24, 1911.

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Brandon, Miss., Jan. 24, 1911.

DAISY McLAURIN STEVENS.
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(Up-to-date Notes.)

THE STATE DIVISION reports at the Little Rock U. D. C. Convention for November showed splendid activities.

THE State reports showed splendid activities: In Alabama \$2,300 had been raised in Mobile on Flag Day; \$500 had been spent in sending 70 veterans to the General Reunion; the U. D. C. had furnished the hospital at Soldiers' Home; there were 29 Children's Chapters; three monuments had been unveiled, and all the data pertaining to Confederate monuments in Alabama collected and published. The Alabama window in Blanford church also unveiled, and it carries a brass plate stating it was erected by the U. D. C. of Alabama. Arkansas showed five monuments unveiled during the year, and three new chapters. California reported an endowment scholarship at the University of California; Colorado reported giving a descendant's Cross of Honor to Judge Ben Lindsay, who comes from Confederate stock from Tennessee; District of Columbia reported \$1,800 made by their annual ball; \$2,000 made by their Southern Bazaar this year; \$4,808 raised by this Division for Confederate work this year. Florida reported one new chapter; work on the Weed Memorial Window and five new Children's Chapters. Georgia reported Bartow memorial changed to a \$10,000 educational fund, the interest to go to the Rabun Gap work; nine monuments unveiled this year. Kentucky reported Morgan monument fund nearly \$16,000, and special work for hospital beds. Louisiana, three monuments unveiled; work for Soldiers' Home and Libraries. Missouri reported two new chapters. North Carolina reported eight monuments unveiled; work on three Division monuments. Oklahoma reported working for a Confederate relic room in the capitol, a Confederate Home, and Confederate pictures in the schools. South Carolina reported eight new chapters, 500 new members, one monument unveiled, and 394 crosses bestowed. Tennessee reported four new chapters. Texas reported their Confederate Woman's Home now taken over as a State institution. Virginia reported seven monuments unveiled, five new chapters, 678 new members, 1,453 crosses bestowed, and \$19,000 collected by chapters for Confederate work this year. West Virginia reported a Confederate monument unveiled in Charleston, West Virginia.

THE LOUISIANA DIVISION U. D. C. gave a Christmas banquet and Christmas tree to the veterans at the Confederate Soldiers' Home in New Orleans on December 27. The dinner was provided for by donations from chapters all over the State, home-made cake, candy, pickles and preserves figuring largely on the menu, while the oyster soup was a donation from the Chapter in Napoleonville. The tree held gifts, such as cravats, handkerchiefs, cigars, tobacco, pipes and knives for all the men. The U. D. C. attended the celebration in large numbers, waited on the tables and provided a literary and musical program for the entertainment of the

old soldiers; Mrs. Gottschalk, the State President; Miss McGrath, the ex-President; Mrs. W. O. Hart, Commandant of Camp Beauregard, U. S. C. V., and Mr. Costa, of the Board of the Home, all made patriotic addresses. Two beautiful pictures were presented to the Home by the New Orleans Chapter, and much Christmas cheer brightened up the holidays for these old heroes of the sixties. The donations made at this time were valued at five hundred dollars.

MY JANUARY KEYSTONE came today and I see that my subscription for it and the *Confederate Veteran* expires. I enclose check for renewal of both. I really depend upon my *Keystone* and get helpful points from the reports of other divisions, especially from South Carolina.

Jan. 23, 1911.

CORDELIA POWELL ODENHEIMER,
President Maryland Division U. D. C.

Under the Library Lamp.

THE reading hour in every home may be made useful and cultural by a careful selection of current literature, and the books and magazines read in a home direct many of the opinions and views of that home.

"*Four Epochs of Life*," by Elizabeth Hamilton-Muncie, M. D., Ph. M., is a book that will prove very helpful to many mothers and teachers in solving their complex problems of life. Dr. Hamilton-Muncie deals with sex-life from its inception to maturity, and speaks as a mother, a teacher and a physician, giving the physiological facts and many personal experiences connected with her close study of this subject. Many parents have studied sex hygiene and yet do not know how to impart it to their children, but in this book the author shows a way. In many schools *social hygiene* and *sex hygiene* are being taught today, while the General Federation of Women's Clubs and several State Federations are taking up this subject, feeling that it is a vital question which should be more intelligently understood. The book is written in a simple, conversational way. In some chapters a mother is talking to her daughter, a father to his son, and some a teacher lecturing to mothers and girls or to boys. Among the topics presented are: *Prenatal influences*, *When baby comes*, *What all girls should know*, *Fathers and sons*, *Know Thyself*, *The Dawn of Manhood*, *Medical Supervision in the Schools*. This book is endorsed by physicians and teachers and can be recommended to mothers who are anxious to bring up their sons and daughters to be strong, high-minded, valuable members of their communities. The publishers of this book will make special terms to secretaries of women's clubs in order that the work may reach many women and also to help the treasuries of these organizations in their philanthropic efforts.

(Cloth, \$1.50. Greaves Publishing Co., Tribune Building, New York City.)

"*Lady Good-for-Nothing*," by A. T. Quiller-Couch, is a sociological problematical novel showing a line of thought hitherto untouched by the author in any of his previous writings. The scenes take place in and around Boston and across the ocean, and the story opens in 1744. The heroine, "*Ruth*," afterwards "*Lady Good-for-Nothing*," who has a bitter resentment against the Church and religion on account of her hard life and the persecution inflicted by the strict pre-Revolutionary Puritans, easily adopts the anti-Christian views held by "*Sir Oliver*," her rescuer and lover, but she has to pay the penalty. The ends to which the author leads his characters show the fallacy of their protest against the fixed laws of society, and the pages descriptive of the Lisbon earthquake make a thrilling climax. While the story shows the passionate emotions of men and women, a number of moral lessons can be found by the discriminating reader. The story is immoral but in no way coarse or vulgar, and while such relations may have existed in those early days, defiance of laws, order and religion do not make pleasant subjects.

(Cloth, \$1.50 net. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York City.)

The February Number of *Woman's Home Companion* is a delightful St. Valentine number. There is a special valentine song, valentine ideas, and a valentine book list. The fiction includes another part of "The Admiral's Niece," a story by Kate Douglas Wiggin and her collaborators, which is making a big hit. The third part of "Spain's Royal Love Story," by Kellogg Durland, is devoted entirely to the story of the three little children of the King and Queen of Spain and is a charming and homelike tale. Frank A. Waugh opens our eyes to the beauty of the winter forests in an article entitled "My Tree Friends in Winter."

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